

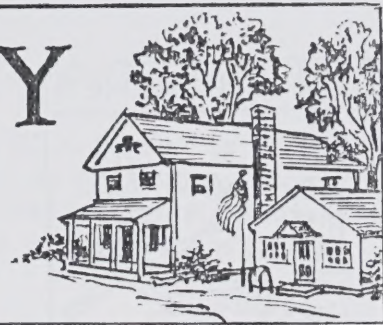
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November, 1972

OUR TOWN



New Lake Garfield Dam Completed

The Petricca Construction Company has completed its work on the new dam at Lake Garfield. The last culverts have been installed and the topsoil on the dam itself has been seeded with a mixture of grass seed, fertilizer and a green emulsion.

Progress Report on Route 23 Environmental Impact Study

On Monday, November 6, a group of approximately 140 persons gathered in the Congregational Church basement to hear a progress report from the Department of Public

Works on their study of the various proposals concerning a Route 23 bypass. Commissioner Bruce Campbell, Associate Commissioners Thomas Barlow and Jack Wolfford, Acting Chief Engineer Robert Tierney, Environmental Engineer Jack Hurley, Director of the Bureau of Transportation, Planning and Development Thomas Humphrey, representatives from the firm of Edwards & Kelsey in Boston, Chief District Engineer Dean Amidon and members of his staff were all present at this meeting.

A number of technical statements were presented on the effects all the proposed corridors might have on the environment. The possibility of limited State aid for resurfacing and general improvement of the existing route if no bypass is constructed in the near future was also discussed. The presidents of Save Scenic Monterey (SSM) and Save All Monterey (SAM), Catherine Mielke and Robert Gauthier, presented statements in support of their groups' respective positions. Various citizens asked questions from the floor which were given thoughtful answers by Commissioner Campbell and some of the other experts present.

No decisions were reached, this being merely an interim report before the final draft of the Environmental Impact Statement is presented to the citizens of Great Barrington and Monterey. It was clear, however, to all objective observers present that the question "Bypass, no bypass, and if bypass, then where and when?" was being given thorough and competent consideration by the Department of Public Works and its consultants.

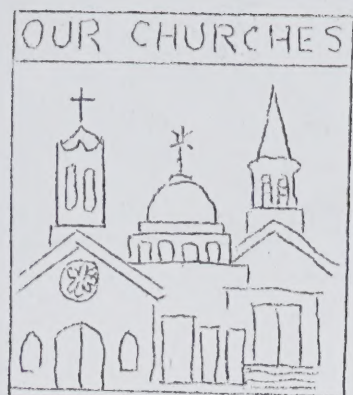
Sculpture by Fred Lancome to be Shown in Paris

When Fred Lancome, of the Sun-Inside Inn, Monterey, was a student at the Académie des Beaux Arts in Paris it was his youthful dream to have his work exhibited at the "Salon d'Automne" of the Grand Palais in that city. Now that he has for many years been an American citizen, this dream has come true. His sculpture "Humanity" has been accepted for the Salon D'Automne's 1972 exhibition. Fred Lancome's work has been displayed in a number of galleries and museums in this country.

Farewell Dinner for Dorothy Wells LaMudge

A dinner in honor of Dorothy Wells LaMudge was given at the Mountain View Restaurant on Friday, November 10. The dinner was organized by Eleanor Wolfer. 70 persons were present. Statements of appreciation and good wishes to Dorothy and her new husband, Donald, were made by several people representing the Town of Monterey. In the absence of Virgil Brallier, a statement written by him on behalf of the Monterey Church and the larger community was read by his wife, Marie. John Pizzichemi and Kenneth Heath represented the Selectmen, Sheldon Fenn, the Board of Assessors, and Douglas Lyman, the Police Department. A silver bowl from the people of Monterey was presented to Dorothy by the toastmaster of the occasion, Dean Amidon. It is inscribed, "In appreciation 1964-1972", the years during which Dorothy served the town as Tax Collector.

As she goes from here, we want her to know of our affection for her and we present our heartiest wishes to both her and Donald as they begin their new life in Florida. We will miss them, but Florida will be that much richer.



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Until the spring there is only one Mass, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship 10:30 o'clock. . . . Church School 9:15 a.m. each Sunday: Classes for children through sixth grade. . . . The beginning of the Confirmation Class has been delayed because Dr. Brallier is teaching in the Church School to try to insure the quality of the Christian education program for our children. Announcement of the time of the Confirmation Class will be made soon. It will probably not be held on Sunday morning.

Indian Offering The United Church of Christ is making a strong commitment to help give better attention to the most neglected minority group in our land, the American Indian. A major offering to help advance work with the Indians is being received on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19.

Thanksgiving Sunday A festive worship service is being planned for Sunday, November 19. We invite all with musical instruments to come and join in the music of the day, as was done on October 22.

Forefathers' Day This day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 26 at the 10:30 morning worship. The austere simplicity of early New England worship will be the pattern followed. All who wish to share in this experience are cordially invited to do so.

Adult Study Groups The prayer and Bible study group meets at the home of Hadley and Elizabeth Simons each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. A new group entitled "Friendship: Understandings and Experiences" has been started by Ruth Carr and Patricia Howard. Meetings are held in the homes of different members at 4:00 p.m. every 10 days or so. New members are welcome at both these groups, on a regular or occasional basis.

THE PHILERGIANS

The first fall meeting of the Philergians was held October 19 at the home of Marie Brallier. We enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship and also held a brief business meeting. We planned the program for the next few months, but decided to postpone decisions on the use of our monies until a later meeting when more of our members are present.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Frances Tryon. We look forward to an evening of decision and fun. Come, bring a friend and a new or used article for the "Teacup Auction".

Thursday, December 7, we will meet at the home of Patricia Howard. She will read Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales".

THE LADIES AID

We held our first fall meeting November 2 at the home of Grace Miner. Helen McKay was elected secretary and treasurer and the following directors were appointed: Stella Howes, Grace Miner, Abby Olds, Lucy Smith, Nina Tryon, Belle Weiss and Lois Winchester. It was voted to give \$300 from the treasury to the Organ Fund, plus \$10 in memory of Mrs. Clifford Morrison.

It has been our custom to send a Christmas box to Delmo Housing Corporation in Lilbourn, Missouri. These people are poor sharecroppers who, without outside help, would have no Christmas. Small gifts of scarves, gloves, good used clothing (especially children's) costume jewelry, games, toys or Christmas wrapping paper and ribbons would be welcome. Leave articles, unwrapped, at Nina Tryon's on or before December 1.

Please save your old sheets and pillowcases for the Ladies' Aid! We need them for making crib sheets and rolling bandages.

Our next meeting will be November 16 at the home of Belle Weiss in Great Barrington.

ON NOT BEING AFRAID TO BE HUMAN

On the face of it this may appear to be a ridiculous subject. If a person is afraid to be human, pray tell, what other choices does he have? Since we are human, what craziness is it to talk about being afraid to be what we are? Crazy or not, there are mountains of evidence to suggest that multitudes of persons are afraid of their humanity and find ways to avoid bearing its full brunt.

Consider the fear of making mistakes. Alexander Pope said "To err is human, to forgive divine." There would seem to be all kinds of assurance that mistakes are seldom fatal. Yet so much squirming, denying, covering up is done when we make mistakes in our actions and judgments that one might suppose some horrible betrayal of our humanity had occurred. How numerous are the persons who try to carry off a super-human act! They can't stand to see themselves as fallible and they can't bear to be seen by others as less than perfect.

Intellectually, all such persons would agree that it is quite normal to make mistakes, yet in actual life situations they go through the very furies to maintain a flawless image. Why should we try so hard to escape from our human tendency to err? It actually works out that the person who is not so "uptight" over making mistakes is free to grow more rapidly. He frees himself from repeating the same hurtful things over and over. The acceptance of his human tendency to err releases him from bondage to the very things that were standing in his way before.

Another way in which persons reveal their fear of being human is their tendency to choke down the urge that arises within them "to be somebody". There is real irony here. On the one hand, a person may try to maintain a flawless image. Yet on the other, he shrinks back from presenting himself to his fellows as one who has true worth and value. He goes through life belittling himself, reducing his importance, denigrating his powers, half-apologizing for living. This is clear evidence of one who is afraid to be human.

Given reasonable opportunity, there is an assertive, aggressive quality that expresses itself within man. Yet the fear of this part of the human equation forces many persons to play a mouse-like game of "now-you-see-me, now-you-don't" with their fellows. They are afraid of this thrust that pushes them forward "to be somebody". They are fearful of seeming proud, arrogant or hostile. Or they are afraid that their weaknesses will be exposed if they try to be somebody. So a lot of their life energy is spent in rendering themselves small and inconspicuous on the social scene.

This is a tragic denial of our humanity. In a perverse way, some people even imagine it is a way of honoring God. The reasoning is that if I make myself nothing, then I give all the more honor to God. We are reminded that pride is one of the seven deadly sins, so in trying to avoid pride we strip ourselves of our true worth and dignity. We need to accept the drive to be somebody as a God-given part of our humanity. It is not to be feared, but to be cherished and trained to serve us and our fellow men.

Finally, we reveal our fear to be human in the many ways we shoot down our feelings. How many of us go through life stripping ourselves of the source of power and energy that is in our feelings of anger, sexuality and love -- to name just a few. Feelings are a natural part of the human birthright. They are meant to provide us with a guidance system and to fill us with energy. Yet early in life we learn that anger can be destructive, sexuality can be exploitative and love can leave us hurt and disappointed. We are quick to learn the negative side of these emotions. As a result, we start making a bad deal with life and ourselves. Instead of bringing these sources of guidance and power into the open and learning how to use them constructively, we throttle the power, and thus try to build a life using a mere trickle of the inner resources available to us.

My most severe complaint about being afraid to be human is that it is also the clearest evidence of our distrust of God. God made us men. He didn't make us angels, nor did he make us gods. According to the Genesis story, man was the climax of the creation process. "And God saw everything he had made, and behold it was very good." If God intended us to be human, then shouldn't we learn to give up our fear of fulfilling his purpose?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

"Few are chosen for the good reason that few choose themselves."

-- Aldous Huxley

MONTEREY GRANGE

On November 1 Monterey Grange #291 observed "Neighbors' Night". Guests from Worthington, Richmond, Hinsdale, Heart of the Berkshires, Sandisfield, Great Barrington and Umpachene Granges presented an enjoyable variety program. Anne Vickerman gave an interesting report on her attendance at the Massachusetts State Grange Convention in Plymouth.

On November 15 we had an Apple Festival. Members made articles from apples for sale.

The National Grange is holding its convention at the Hilton Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut, November 12-21.

Monterey Grange won a membership in the State Grange, also First Prize for a report on "Conservation".

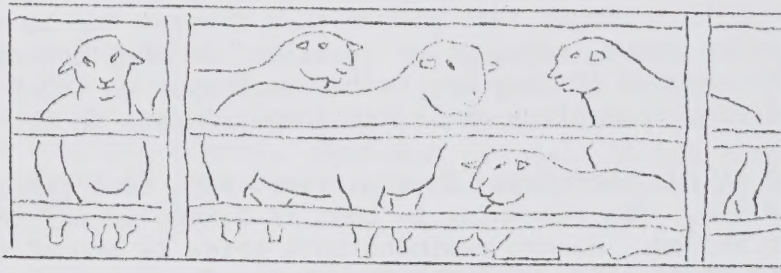
Mary Wallace

AVALON SCHOOL

Scouts of Troop 61 at Avalon School have been working on swimming skills in the Pittsfield YMCA. Some ten boys have earned the swimming skill award and Joseph Pascale has earned the swimming merit badge.

A skill award is a small brass belt loop which is awarded to scouts who demonstrate basic skills in some area. There are twelve different skill awards a scout can earn. They are: camping, citizenship, communications, community living, conservation, cooking, environment, family living, first aid, hiking, physical fitness, and swimming.

Eugene Bowski



GOULD FARM

Cause for pleasure and rejoicing at Gould Farm is the recently announced engagement of two of its staff members, Robert H. Porter and Ann Van Horn. Bob Porter joined the staff in 1971 as Rehabilitation Counselor. He is also in charge of East House, the guest facility across the road from Main House.

Bob graduated from Brown University and served in the Navy in World War II. He has an S.T.B. from General Theological Seminary and also studied at Columbia University. For twelve years he was headmaster of The Choir School of St. Thomas Church in New York City, then for three years headmaster of St. Peter's School in Peekskill, New York. He has also been Chairman of Episcopal Schools in the New York Diocese and member of the Governing Board and Executive Committee of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Since September, 1967, Ann Van Horn has been one of the two Farm secretaries, covering varying and important assignments. She has also held several offices in the Town of Monterey and is presently serving on the Planning Board. The couple plan to be married in December and will make their home in Monterey.

Religious services at the Farm have afforded an interestingly varied program during the past month. Speakers have included the Reverend Kent Smith, Executive Director, who led a contemporary communion service. Others who generously travelled here from their own localities have included the Reverend Donald Platt of Sheffield, Mr. Howard Eberwein, of the Pittsfield school system, and the Reverend George Middleton of Pittsfield. Father Don Klingler, of Dehon Seminary, supplied material for an unusual and inspiring service called "Gifts", with readings by several guests of the Farm.

Rose McKee



BOY SCOUTS

Troop 39 is working on a program that will prepare us for the camping season that is coming up. We are planning a hike on Sunday, November 19, and are also making plans to participate in the Klondike Derby at Camp Chesterfield in January.

On Monday, November 13, elections were held for the positions of Scribe, Quartermaster, Librarian and Bugler. (We do not have the results of these elections as the MONTEREY NEWS goes to press. Ed.)

Eugene Bowski

CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS

At the November 3 Pack meeting awards were given out by Mr. John Ryder. They were: Bobcat -- James Makuc, Todd Beattie, Joseph Hall, James Gauthier; One Year Pin and 2 Silver Arrows -- Jefferey Bynack; Wolf Badge, 1 God Arrow and 2 Silver Arrows -- Richard Andrus. The new Den #3 leader is Mrs. Goewey. They put on a skit about Massachusetts. Den #2 followed with a skit on "The Explorers". Then Den #1 gave a skit about the Statue of Liberty. There was also a cake sale. We made \$53 for a Pack Fund. The Webelos led the opening and closing ceremonies. The Cub Scout theme for November is "Things that Go".

The Webelos completing their Artist Badge are Kenneth Heath, Mark Makuc, Mark Beattie, Shawn Ryder and Darrell Lemmerman. The theme for the Webelos this month is "The Forester".

Ricky Andrus

GIRL SCOUTS

At present there are only two troops -- the Juniors, led by Mary Jo Lemmerman, meeting Mondays, and the Cadets, led by Cookie Bynack, meeting Tuesdays.

Mary Thorn is still interested in forming a troop of Girl Scouts if a sufficient number are interested. Call her at 528-1644 if you would like to join up.

Mary Thorn

BROWNIES

At their November 9 meeting the Brownies made Thanksgiving cards. On Thursday, November 16, they will visit Ward's Nursery to see the deer and other animals there and the winter Christmas scene on display. On Thursday, November 30, a visit to Radio Station WSBS is planned. Tom J. will be the guide.

Maxine Labrecque

MONTEREY AND JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUPS

The Monterey Youth Group has been having difficulty finding its identity this year, as so many of last year's members are no longer in town. There are, however, some signs of new persons emerging to help the group re-form itself.

The Junior Hi Group is developing a strong and active program. This group sponsored the Hallowe'en Party and the UNICEF Collection, paying the expenses and providing the leadership for both. A splash party is scheduled for Sunday, November 19, at 3 p.m. Boys and girls of the 5th and 6th grades are invited to join the Junior Hi's for this event. On November 26 we are planning a film program with "Child of Darkness, Child of Light" as the feature film. All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to share in the activities of this group.

Virgil Brallier

4-H GROUPS

Monterey Panhandlers

Our first fall meeting was held October 27 with five members present: Wendy Bynack, William Bynack, Danny Andrus, Kenny Heath and Kristine Heath. The group meets on Fridays after school. This year we are using the 4-H cook book "Quick and Easy Meals".

Gail Heath

Monterey Roadrunners

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The first meeting for this fall session was on November 14. We held a very successful horse show at Gould Farm on October 15.

Kenneth Heath, Sr.

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

We were pleased to see so many families attend the open house programs at the New Marlborough Central School and the Monterey Central School.

Several committees have been busy this month. Mrs. Arthur Goewey is chairman of the Christmas Card Sale Committee, for the benefit of the fourth grade trip. Mrs. Robert MacKenzie and Mrs. Robert Sluka are co-chairmen of the Raffle Committee. The raffle coordinates with the Toy Sale. The following are the prizes: First Prize -- ten week-day passes donated by Butternut Basin; Second Prize -- hand painted ceramic Christmas tree made by Mrs. Robert Sluka; Third Prize -- Avon family package donated by Mrs. Arthur Goewey.

We would like to remind everyone again to leave^{toys} for the Toy Sale, December 1 and 2, at the Monterey Post Office or New Marlborough Center School before the end of this month.

The next meeting of the New Marlborough-Monterey PTA will be Monday, November 27. Part of the program will be a video tape program entitled "Your Child's Day at School" and will feature children at the New Marlborough Center School.

Brian W. Callahan

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Contributions have been received this month from the following: Mary Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hegleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor and Lois Winchester. Thank you very much! Readers of the MONTEREY NEWS will be receiving our annual appeal shortly, or -- depending on where you live -- have already received it. We are making an effort to omit the names of recent contributors but if we slip up in this attempt, please forgive us and simply ignore the appeal.

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